

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for thorough consideration given to the present application. Applicants are herewith submitting a supplemental Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Applicants have previously submitted Amendments on September 4, 2007 and September 5, 2007. The Advisory Action of September 19, 2007 the Examiner pointed out that claim 18 was admitted to include limitations of claim 19 and 24 but did not include intervening claim 20. By way of the present Amendment, Applicants have modified claim 18 to remove the limitations originally found in claim 24 and to add the limitations found in claim 20. The Examiner previously indicated in the Final Rejection and also in the Advisory Action that the combination of claims 18, 19 and 20 would be allowable. Further, Applicants submit that claim 18 is now allowable as well. The limitations originally found in claim 24 have now been reinstated as claim 33. This was necessary since claim 24 was canceled in the previous Supplemental Amendment. Applicants have amended the dependency of claim 25 to depend from claim 33. Also, the dependency of claims 27 and 30 have been amended so as to now properly depend from claim 18. Claims 21 to 23 previously were amended to depend from claim 18.

Entry of Amendments

Applicants submit that the entry of the present Amendment is appropriate since it places the application prima facie in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. Applicants also request the entry of the amendments of claims September 4, 2007 and September 5, 2007 since Applicants have based the amendments of the present claims on the claims presented in these two Amendments. Applicants are also submitting a Request For Continued Examination along with the Amendment so that entry of the Amendment is appropriate.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

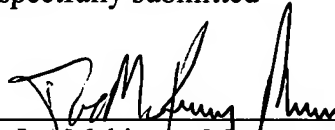
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted

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